



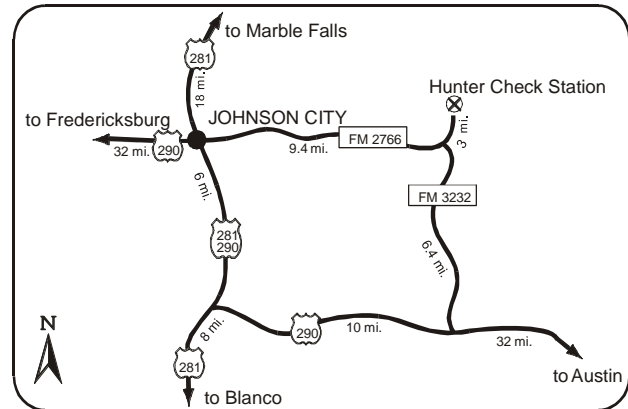
PEDERNALES FALLS STATE PARK

BACKGROUND

Pedernales Falls State Park consists of 5,211 acres located approximately 9 miles east of Johnson City in Blanco County. Deer hunts were conducted on the undeveloped Park site during 1971, but were discontinued for the following 14-year period.

Populations of white-tailed deer and feral hogs increased unchecked under the total protection to excessive numbers. Public hunts were reinstated during the 1986 season as a population control measure.

Objectives of the Department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting.



HUNTING INFORMATION

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Standby hunters should report to the park by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn as vacancies permit at 11:30 a.m. Following a brief orientation at 12:00 pm, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will escort hunters to an assigned hunt area. Hunting will end at 11:00 a.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt. Hunters must wear a minimum of **400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material**, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Use of dogs is prohibited.

Legal weapons include centerfire rifles only. Baiting with commercially packaged corn that has been tested and labeled "aflatoxin free" is allowed.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts. The only exception is a non-hunting adult directly assisting a permitted handicapped hunter will be allowed.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park, but commercial facilities are available in Johnson City.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any stamp required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information). Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.

Camping will be available on the park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water, and tent pads will be available for use. Reservations are not necessary. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Adequate lodging is available in Johnson City. For further information call (830) 868-7304.